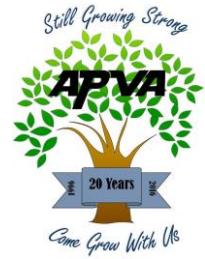




## February APVA Member Spotlight



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### **Ashley Ross, Volunteer Coordinator**

I began working at MOMMAS House in April 2014 as a part time Administrative Assistant. My role expanded into Volunteer Coordinator, since I have had similar experience managing volunteer efforts elsewhere. There was a huge volunteer base that MOMMAS House cultivated during its 30 years of operation, so I was happy to jump start the volunteer program, hosting monthly orientations and organizing volunteer activities.

**Why I joined APVA:** Pat Shea, the Director of MOMMAS House invited me to an APVA workshop. She was already a member, had served on the Board of Directors, and presented a workshop in the past. I find APVA workshops to be helpful and eye-opening and the presenters are so knowledgeable. I am always eager to incorporate into my own work what I have learned from the experts .



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**MOMMAS House** is a home for single mothers aged 18 to 23 years and their babies. For approximately two years, the young mothers at MOMMAS House continue their education or vocational training that was interrupted by pregnancy. With guidance and direction, the young mothers can learn to support themselves and their children independently.



This past year I have met so many great volunteers. There are volunteers that have been with MOMMAS House for over 20 years! I am always amazed by the incredible commitment to this organization; people are so generous with their time. **Suzanne Harmon** became a MOMMAS House volunteer in 2013. Her specialty is working with the children at the Hempstead location; the children love Suzanne. Because of her skill and compassion, we eventually hired Suzanne as the child care provider. We are so happy to have Suzanne working now as a part of the MOMMAS House staff. We know how dedicated she is to the program and the families we serve.

